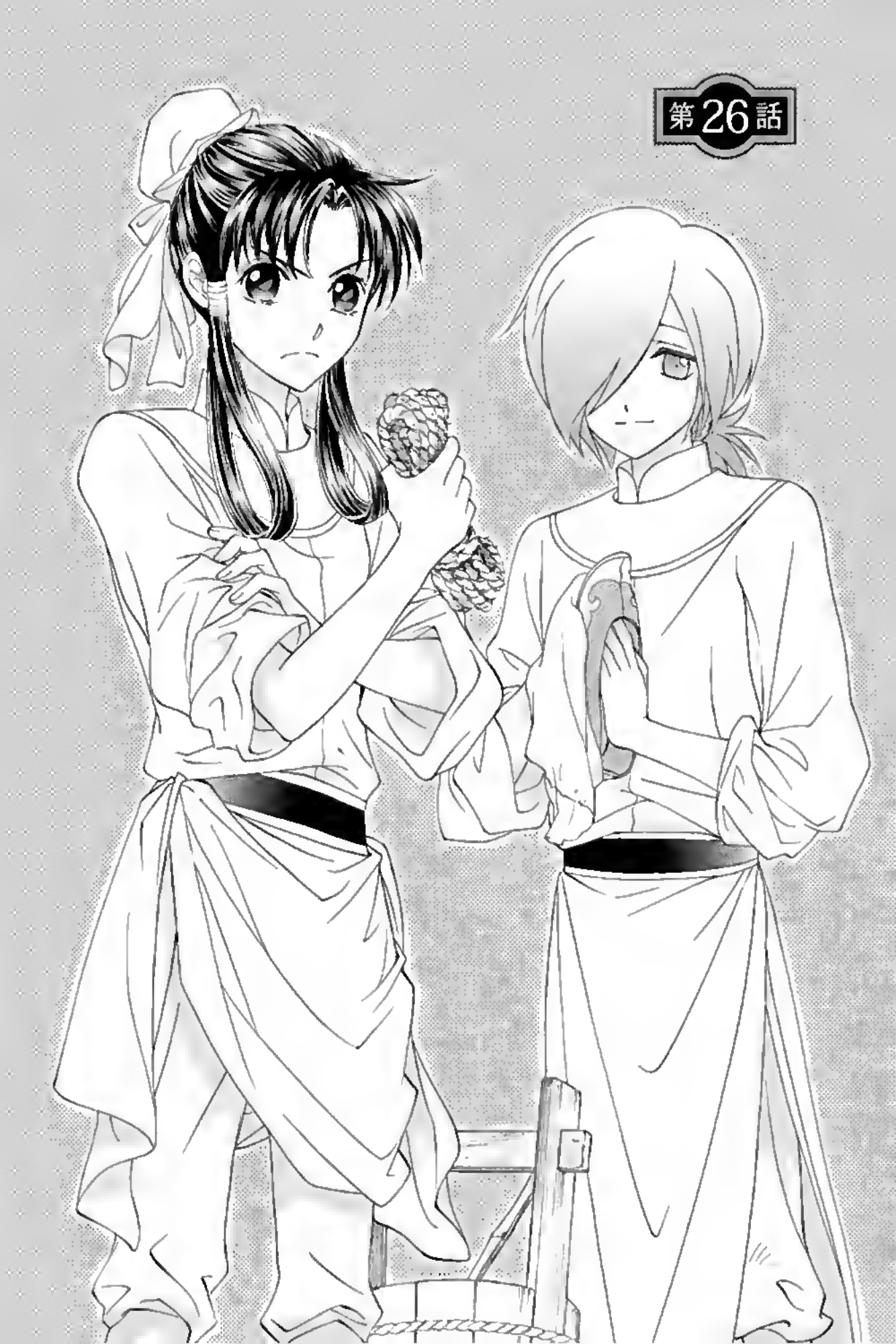
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YOU'RE BRINGING THIS UP AGAIN?
GLOOM
SHUUREI-CHAN AND SCHOLAR TO ARE SO PITIFUL...
MINISTRY ASSISTANT, KEI YUURI.
OF COURSE I HAVE TO!?
BAM

SHUUREI-CHAN WAS ASSIGNED TO CLEAN THE DEPARTMENT TOILETS!?
AND AS FOR SCHOLAR TO IT WAS CLEANING SHOES!!
AHH
IT'S OFFICER RO'S IDEA SO THERE'S NO HELPING IT
AHH! I CAN'T BEAR TO LOOK AT THIS ANYMORE——
THE OTHER SCHOLARS WERE ALL ASSIGNED TO THEIR RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS TO DO NORMAL TASKS...
YET THE TWO OF THEM WHO'LL BE VALUABLE ASSETS TO THE COUNTRY HAVE TO CLEAN SHOES AND TOILETS, THIS IS UNREASONABLE!

AH, I WAS WASHING DISHES EVERYDAY IN THE KITCHEN,
AND THAT GUY REISHIN WAS HELPING OUT AT THE HORSE STABLES.
THE FAMOUS YET TERRIFYING IMPERIAL EXAMS.
...TO THINK OF IT, YOU WERE UNDER HIM TOO.
THEN WHY ARE YOU LETTING OFFICER RO BE?
I HEARD THAT THERE WERE MANY ILL OPINIONS ABOUT HIM.
THE TWO OF YOU NOW, IF YOU WANT HIM TO QUIT, IT'D BE POSSIBLE.
SHUDDER
How fearless of him..!
HE DID THAT TO YOU TWO...

ASIDE FROM THAT, GIVE THIS TO SHUURE! AND THAT SCHOLAR TO AS EXTRA WORK.
BANG
THE ONES WHO CAN CLIMB UP WILL COME UP EVENTUALLY, JUST LET THEM BE.
BUT...
DUN
MIX THIS IN TO THEIR STASH BEFORE THEY HEAD OVER TO THE ARCHIVES.
CLEANING THE TOILETS AND WIPING SHOES ARE JUST UNTIL NOON. AFTERWARDS, THEY SHOULD BE IN THE IMPERIAL ARCHIVES, ARRANGING THE DOCUMENTS, RIGHT?
YOU'RE STILL ASSIGNING THEM SOME POINTLESS JOB AT THIS POINT, DON'T YOU KNOW THAT THEY'RE HAVING SO MUCH GOING ON FOR THEM AS WELL!?
YOU!
WHA...

HOUJU!
FINE, LET'S HAVE IT YOUR WAY
SO WHAT? IT'S BETTER THAN NOT HAVING A JOB, ISN'T IT?
—AH
—GO, YOU'RE MY UNDERLING. IF YOU HAVE ANY COMPLAINTS, TAKE A LOOK AT THE DOCUMENTS ON THE WAY THERE FIRST AND THEN THINK ABOUT IT AGAIN.
?
...THIS IS?

BOWS
HOUJU... YOU'RE PLANNING TO....
GO, I DON'T WANT TO HEAR ANY MORE COMPLAINTS.
KOUYUU ARE YOU THERE?

HMPH, DID YOU THINK I'D BE POLITE TO THOSE WHO SENT THESE BRIBES?
YOUR ROOM IS REALLY SOMETHING DURING THIS SEASON.
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A MAJORITY OF THEM ARE JUST A GREETING, ISN'T IT?
This letter just states "I beg of you."
IF YOU DON'T DO ANYTHING, THAT'S JUST COWARDICE, NO?
AT LEAST YOU CAN SELL THESE THINGS FOR MONEY.
BECAUSE THEY THINK THAT DURING THE MEETING, THE ONES WHO WILL BE DETERMINING WHETHER OR NOT THEY'LL RECEIVE A PROMOTION WOULD BE YOU AND THE OFFICIALS IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AFFAIRS.

—THOSE GUYS, HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL THEM THAT I HATE WOMEN...
TA DA
Ha Ha Ha
THESE ARE COMING IN QUITE FREQUENTLY NOW, AREN'T THEY?
MARRIAGE PROPOSALS.
SFX: SHOCKED
SFX: BAM
JUST BECAUSE THEY WANT A PROMOTION, THEY'RE SENDING MARRIAGE PROPOSALS TO ME! THERE'S A LIMIT TO BEING STUPID TOO!
HOW STUPID ARE THESE!
It's a beauty ♡
THIS REMINDS ME OF WHEN WE FIRST BECAME SCHOLARS.
DON'T REMEMBER ABOUT THOSE DARK TIMES, GET RID OF THEM FROM YOUR MIND!!!!
SFX: MERCILESS

I HAVE NOT BEEN TAMED, I JUST FOUND OUT ABOUT THEIR TRUE COLORS!
OH, IT'S A GOOD EXPERIENCE OF COURSE.
FOR AN OFFICER WHO HAS A BRIGHT FUTURE YET IS SINGLE, MARRIAGE IS A MUST.
YOU DON'T HATE WOMEN THAT MUCH BEFORE BUT BECAUSE OF WHAT HAPPENED LAST TIME, YOU'VE BECOME QUITE TAMED.
YEAH, BECAUSE YOU'RE SO STUBBORN, YOU'D NEVER SAY THAT SO I HAVE TO COME SAVE YOU WHENEVER I SENSE DANGER.
I-I DIDN'T ASKED FOR YOU TO SAVE ME!
THOSE LINES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TOWARDS YOUR BEST FRIEND WHO SAVED YOU FROM MANY DANGEROUS MATTERS, ISN'T THAT RIGHT?
Laugh
NOT BAD, HUH? IF YOU'RE INTERESTED YOU CAN HAVE HER.
KOUYUU, THIS LADY IS...
...Eh?
THE RITES OFFICER WAS TALKING ABOUT IT A LOT BUT HE DIDN'T COME SAVE YOU IN THE END
FLIPS OPEN

...BUT HE'S GIVEN YOU AND THE RITES OFFICER SO MUCH TROUBLE YET HE'S SENDING IN HIS OWN DAUGHTER AS A MARRIAGE CANDIDATE
How many years have passed
Shameless Man
I don't care
INDEED... THEN GIVE HER TO ME.
SHUUEI, DON'T YOU HAVE SOMETHING YOU WANT TO SAY TO ME?
AH, THAT'S RIGHT
THERE'S BEEN A NEWS SAYING THAT ENSEI LEFT SA PROVINCE AND WILL BE HERE IN ABOUT A MONTH
THAT GIRL—
KOURIN SEEMS TO HAVE TAGGED ALONG AS WELL.

THE REASON?
REPORTEDLY SHE'S HERE TO INFORM OF THE SA FAMILY'S INTERNAL CONDITIONS AND SHE WANTS TO SEE SHUUREI-SAN AS WELL.
Kourin—
The girl who tried to assassinate Lady Shuurei for Minister Sa.
IT'S DIFFERENT FROM THE PAST NOW.
STANDS
IS THERE A NEED FOR HESITATION?
WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
...TRUE, THAT'S WHAT I'D DO AS WELL.
RIGHT NOW, SHUUREI IS AN OFFICER.

KOUYUU, EVEN THOUGH YOU SAID THAT YOU KNOW OF WOMEN'S TRUE COLOURS, IS SHUUREI-SAN THE SAME?
SHE'S A DISCIPLE, SHE'S NOT INCLUDED.
BUT SHE'S STILL A GIRL.

SHE'S VERY HARD WORKING.
EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE UNWILLING, THERE'S STILL GOING TO BE RUMORS FLOATING AROUND AND YOU'LL STILL SEE THOSE HORRIBLE SCENES.
YEAH.

Since she's been incorporated into the imperial court, the differences in her identity was already absolute.
The level of her status.
IT'S TOO REGRETTABLE THAT I WON'T BE ABLE TO SEE HER HIGHNESS SHUUREI'S SMILE.

A high level of status,
An absolute position.
She won't mix in personal affairs if there are general affairs and she'll bow to the lord with little to no hesitation.
Although she understood that from the beginning—
EVEN I FEEL LONELY FOR HER. THEN IF IT'S WITH HER LORD, SHE'LL FACE MANY HARDSHIPS.
But as the emperor of the land.
Not as the man, Shi Ryuuki.

TO SHUUREI-SAN, THERE'S NOT MUCH TROUBLE FOR HER SEEING AS SHE UNDERSTOOD THE CASE OF THE BODYGUARD, WHICH I MUST SAY YOU DID WELL.
TO NULLIFY THE FACT THAT THE LORD WAS GONE. IT WAS VERY TROUBLESOME, RIGHT?
YOU CAN NO LONGER EXPECT TO FOOL PEOPLE LIKE IN THE PAST WITH JUST A FEW WORDS.
HAHAHA, PLEASE WORK HARD!
Pat
THEN I'M LEAVING.
I HAVE SOME MATTERS OVER AT MY SIDE TO KEEP ME BUSY FOR A WHILE TOO

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